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THE editor of the Hilo Tribune wants to know why we cannot secure teachers for the Hilo High School and questions the ability of the teachers of the Territory to hold such a position, defending his attitude in the matter by referring to the attempt made by the Department of Education to get teachers through a San Francisco Teachers' Agency. That our teachers are too familiar with existing conditions in the Hilo High School, and the fact that most of them are endowed with self respect, would, we believe, account in a great measure for the failure to secure teachers for the above school.

As to none of our teachers being qualified to conduct a school of the importance of the Hilo High, we will frankly admit that if the Hilo Tribune editor wishes Hilo's school affairs conducted as they have been heretofore, there are but few, if any, who would be able to come up to the requirements. The charge that the teachers have been permitted to exploit their own ideas, "presumably in the hopes that they would thereby catch the eye of those in authority and incidentally a rise on the salary list," is one which every conscientious teacher—of whom there are many—should resent in no uncertain terms.

The Department of Education is absolutely responsible for every lesson which is given in our public schools. "Term outline" and "plan" for each grade is furnished the teacher at the beginning of each term, and reports are rendered to the supervising principal who in turn forwards them to the Department. These are supposed to, and really do, show the work as it is carried on by the teacher. Under these circumstances, it is difficult indeed to see where the teacher has an opportunity to introduce any individual ideas of her own. The editor of the Tribune has only to consult the records of any of our public schools to verify these statements. He is evidently ignorant of the facts in the case and would perhaps be a little wiser were he to do some investigating before proceeding further.

Prominent educators—and some editors—from all parts of the globe, have visited our schools, and in every instance have had nothing but praise to offer on the work being done. The mixed nationalities with which a teacher must contend, present a problem that is not found elsewhere and when one considers the home environments of the children, and cares to make a fair decision in the matter, he cannot but admit that our teaching force is composed of men and women who are accomplishing very much indeed towards the education of Hawaii's youth.

If there is any criticism to be made as to the administration of our school affairs, let such criticism be levelled at the object which rightfully deserves it—the Higher-ups—and not at the teaching staff as a whole. We do not wish to be understood as defending any teacher who is guilty of misconduct, even in the slightest degree, but we will defend the teaching staff as a whole, against the attack of any one who may have a grudge against the Department and attempts to vent his spleen upon the "under dog."

"Would it not be nice," says the editor of the Tribune, "if less attention was paid to the teachers' ideas and more were paid to the pu-

pils and knowledge which would be useful to them? Then, we might get some practical results." In this respect, it is our opinion, that if "the teachers' ideas" were allowed to prevail to a greater extent, more "practical results" would obtain. As to the teacher giving more "attention to the pupils," one who is familiar with the teacher's work will readily agree that to do so would require every minute of her time outside of her actual sleeping hours, for it is a well known fact that nine-tenths of our teachers have several hours' work to perform every evening in preparing lessons for the following day. How many of us who are free to go at will when our day's work is finished, think of the teacher who is toiling over her plans for the next day's lessons? It is very evident that the editor of the Tribune does not.

In another editorial, he delivers himself of the following: "It would be well to establish a reform school for teachers." Such utterances, coming from a less intelligent individual than we know the Hilo scribe to be, would scarcely arouse comment but as it is, we feel that an insult has been thrust upon a body of men and women whose profession is inferior to none and so superior to country newspaper writers that the least the latter could do would be to help build up rather than tear down—not to condemn all for the actions of a few.

The system prevailing in public schools of the Territory is a long way from perfect, but each year finds an improvement in some one or more direction, and it is to be hoped that with the establishment of industrial schools, there will be more rapid strides in the right direction. The condition of our school affairs at present—for which the Tribune blames the teachers—is entirely due to the Department, and if the editor of the Tribune, in all his wisdom, does not know this, he is ill informed. We believe he does, but lacks the courage to say so.

The editor of the GARDEN ISLAND knows many of the teachers of the different islands, personally, has every confidence in them, stands champion for their rights, and will not permit any charge against them as a whole, to remain without challenge.

ACCIDENTS due to slippery roads are becoming of such frequent occurrence as to cause many to do some thinking as to whether, after all, the oiled road is best. The accident which occurred recently, was a costly one and proves, beyond doubt, the necessity of some sort of rough dressing for a top finish.

AUTOMOBILE drivers who fail to stop their machine when they see a horse is frightened should forfeit their license.

Weeekly Report On Sugar Stocks

June 23, 1911.

The business in local securities has been very quiet during the week. The festivities of Coronation Day and the work incidental to same, together with preparations for Clean-up Day, have taken the time of many, and consequently little thought has been given the stock market.

Tariff is the chief topic of interest at present, and while this agitation continues, little improvement in sugar stock values is anticipated.

It is authoritatively stated action on the sugar schedules cannot possibly be reached during the present session of congress but that this subject will be thoroughly investigated when congress convenes again.

A very encouraging feature at present is the higher prices quoted daily for Raws. Yesterday 3.98 was the sale price, and 4¢ sugar is certain to be realized shortly.

Hawaiian Sugar declared an extra dividend of 40¢ per share, payable June 30th. As stated last week this action will probably be followed by other companies perhaps later on in the fall.

Should present sugar prices continue throughout the year, several of the plantations will show a profit of from 50% to 100% greater than present dividend requirements, and unless extras are declared will carry over large surplus balances.

Sugar prices closed as follows:
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